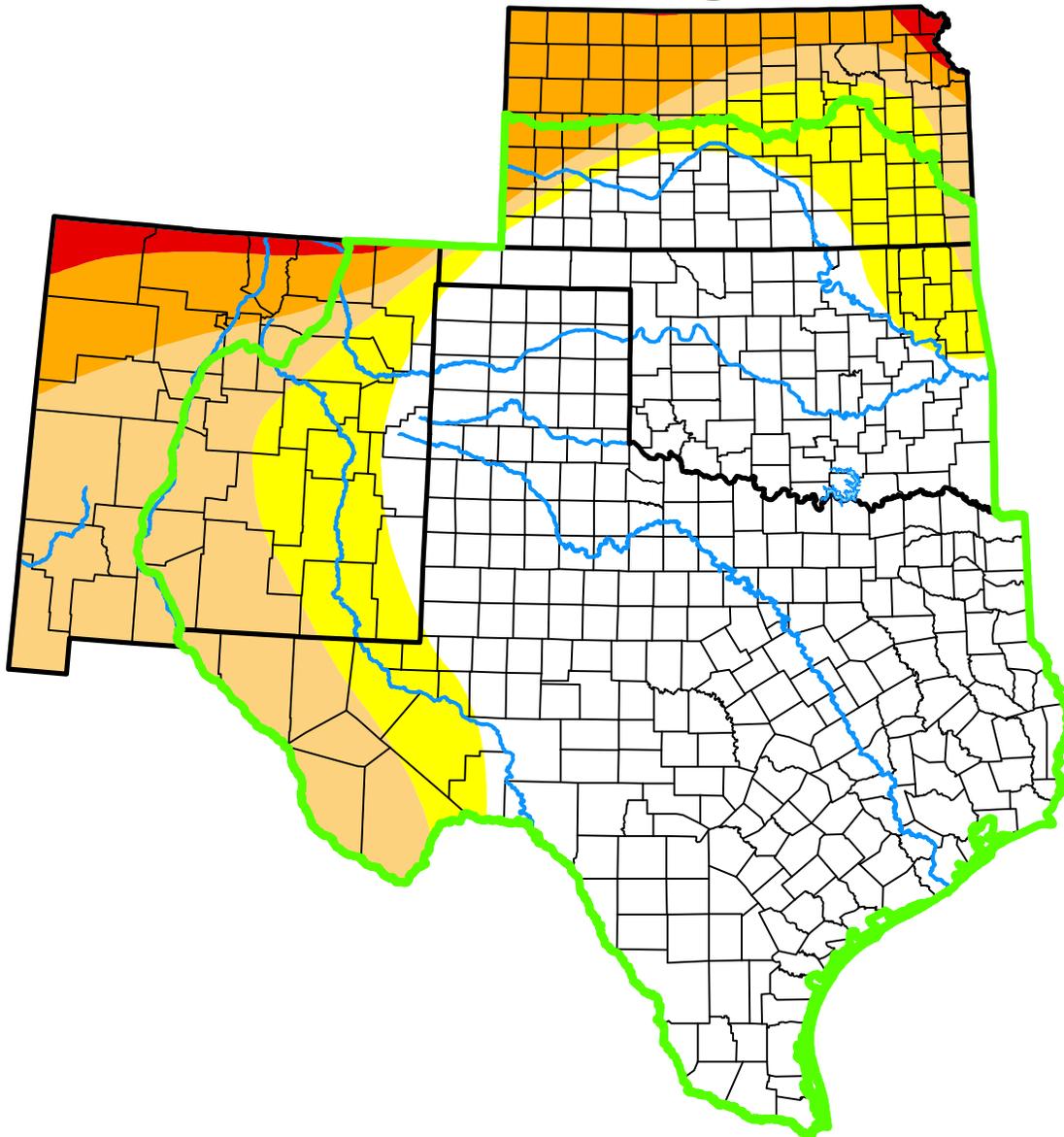


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains DEWS and Surrounding Areas

**February 18, 2003**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	72.46	27.54	12.63	1.42	0.08	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-11-2003</i>	71.43	28.57	13.87	1.47	0.14	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>11-19-2002</i>	70.49	29.51	15.15	1.25	0.13	0.01
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-31-2002</i>	75.48	24.52	12.75	1.28	0.12	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	27.99	72.01	33.20	6.49	1.04	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>02-19-2002</i>	50.44	49.56	35.23	8.71	3.80	0.00

(Statistics for area highlighted in green)

***Intensity:***

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

*The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>*

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